

**Pay scale for Data Processing Assistants**

3788. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2237 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission for grant of higher pay scales of Rs. 5500—9000 and Rs. 7500—12000 to Data Processing Assistant Grade in and Grade I, respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when a final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(a) If the recommendations of the Fifth Central Commission are finally accepted then the Data Processing Assistants Grade III will get the scale of pay of Rs. 5500-9000 and the Data Processing Assistants Grade I will get the scale of pay of Rs. 7500-12000 as against the present pay drawn by them in the scales of Rs. 5000-8000 and 7450-11500 respectively.

(c) The matter is under examination in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the orders will be issued, by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, as soon as the Ministry of Finance concurs with the proposal.